

Assembly Bill No. 2549

CHAPTER 201

An act to amend Section 2301 of, and to amend and repeal Sections 2074.2, 2074.6, 2074.8, and 2075.5 of, the Fish and Game Code, and to amend Sections 5002.2, 5009.1, 5010.6, and 5080.23 of the Public Resources Code, relating to public resources.

[Approved by Governor August 26, 2016. Filed with
Secretary of State August 26, 2016.]

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2549, Committee on Water, Parks, and Wildlife. Public resources.

(1) The California Endangered Species Act requires the Fish and Game Commission to establish a list of endangered species and a list of threatened species, and requires the Department of Fish and Wildlife to recommend, and the commission to adopt, criteria for determining if a species is endangered or threatened. Under the act, an interested person may petition the commission to add a species to, or remove a species from, either the list of endangered species or the list of threatened species, and existing law requires the commission to consider the petition at a meeting, as prescribed. Existing law, until January 1, 2017, establishes additional procedures for the review of a petition, including public hearings and public comment.

This bill would extend those additional procedures indefinitely.

(2) Existing law generally prohibits a person from possessing, importing, shipping, or transporting in the state, or from placing, planting, or causing to be placed or planted in any water within the state, dreissenid mussels, and authorizes the Director of Fish and Wildlife or his or her designee to engage in various enforcement activities. Existing law provides that a person who violates or resists, delays, obstructs, or interferes with the implementation of these provisions is subject to a penalty, in an amount not to exceed \$1,000, that is imposed administratively by the department. Existing law exempts certain entities from enforcement activities, or from civil or criminal liability, under prescribed circumstances. These provisions are repealed on January 1, 2017.

This bill would extend these provisions to January 1, 2020.

Under existing law, a violation of these provisions is a crime. By extending the operation of these provisions, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

(3) Existing law authorizes the Department of Parks and Recreation to enter into an agreement to accept funds from any person, educational institution, tribal government, corporation, or other business entity or organization for the maintenance, operation, restoration, repair, development, improvement, or enhancement of a designated state park system unit or

facility, or for research, educational, interpretive, recreational, or visitor services provided on or for a designated state park system unit or facility, and requires that any funds so received be deposited in a separate account in the State Park Contingent Fund.

This bill would require the department, for each agreement entered into pursuant to those provisions, to provide an accounting of all expenditures made from the donated funds, as specified.

(4) Existing law establishes the State Parks Revenue Incentive Subaccount in the State Parks and Recreation Fund, and continuously appropriates funds in the subaccount to the Department of Parks and Recreation for activities, programs, and projects that are consistent with the mission of the department and that increase the department's capacity to generate revenue and implement a revenue generating program. Existing law requires that activities, programs, and projects funded by the subaccount include, among other things, a projection of costs, including design, planning, construction, operation, staff, maintenance, marketing, and information technology.

This bill would require a projection of costs to include that information only if appropriate.

(5) Existing law requires that, following classification or reclassification of a unit of the state park system by the State Park and Recreation Commission, and prior to the development of any new facilities in any previously classified unit, the Department of Parks and Recreation prepare a general plan or revise any existing plan for the unit in accordance with prescribed procedures.

This bill would require the department, in consultation with the commission, by January 1, 2018, to provide the Legislature with specified recommendations for improving the state park planning and approval process, as prescribed.

(6) Existing law authorizes the Director of Parks and Recreation to award a concession contract authorizing occupancy of any portion of the state park system for a period of more than 2 years to the best responsible person or entity submitting a proposal for the contract, if the director determines that it is in the best interest of the state and subject to certain requirements and procedures. If the concession contract is expected to involve a total investment or gross sales in excess of \$500,000, existing law requires that the contract meet certain other requirements for entry into contract that are applicable to contracts that are expected to involve a total investment or estimated annual gross sales in excess of \$1,000,000.

This bill would instead require those concession contracts to meet those other requirements if the contract is expected to involve a total investment or gross sales in excess of \$1,000,000.

(7) The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 2074.2 of the Fish and Game Code, as amended by Section 3 of Chapter 387 of the Statutes of 2013, is amended to read:

2074.2. (a) At the meeting scheduled pursuant to Section 2074, the commission shall hold a public hearing on the petition and shall receive information, written or otherwise, and oral testimony. After the conclusion of oral testimony from the commission and department staff, the petitioner, or any other persons, the commission may close the public hearing and administrative record for the commission's decision pursuant to this section.

(b) After the commission closes the public hearing, the administrative record for the commission's decision is closed and it shall not be reopened except as provided in subdivision (c). Once the public hearing is closed, no person shall submit further information to the commission for consideration on that petition and the commission shall not accept any further information for consideration on that petition except as provided in subdivision (c).

(c) The administrative record for the commission's decision pursuant to this section shall not be reopened once the commission closes the public hearing unless one of the following occurs prior to the commission's decision:

(1) There is a change in state or federal law or regulation that has a direct and significant impact on the commission's determination as to whether the petition provides sufficient information to indicate that the petitioned action may be warranted.

(2) The commission determines that it requires further information to evaluate whether the petition provides sufficient information to indicate that the petitioned action may be warranted. If the commission makes that determination during its deliberation, the commission may request, on the record at the scheduled meeting or at a continued meeting, further information on any issue relevant to making its determination as to whether the petition provides sufficient information to indicate that the petitioned action may be warranted. Any request by the commission pursuant to this paragraph shall specify a date by which the information must be submitted to the commission and shall serve to reopen the administrative record for the limited purpose of receiving further information relating to the issues specified by the commission in the request. Commission and department staff, the petitioner, or any other person may submit information in response to a request pursuant to this paragraph. If the commission reopens the record pursuant to this paragraph, it shall provide an opportunity for public comment on the submitted information prior to the issuance of its decision.

(d) In its discretion, the commission may either close the public hearing and continue the meeting on the petition for the purpose of deliberation or continue both the public hearing and the meeting on the petition to a subsequent date, which shall be no later than 90 days after the meeting scheduled pursuant to Section 2074, and subject to applicable notice and agenda requirements. If the commission closes the public hearing but continues the meeting for the purpose of deliberation, a person shall not

submit, and the commission shall not receive, further information relating to the petition except as provided in subdivision (c).

(e) At the meeting scheduled pursuant to Section 2074 or at a continued meeting scheduled pursuant to subdivision (d), the commission shall consider the petition, the department's written report, written comments received, and oral testimony provided during the public hearing, and the commission shall make and enter in its record one of the following findings:

(1) If the commission finds that the petition does not provide sufficient information to indicate that the petitioned action may be warranted, the commission shall publish a notice of finding that the petition is rejected, including the reasons why the petition is not sufficient.

(2) If the commission finds that the petition provides sufficient information to indicate that the petitioned action may be warranted, the commission shall publish a notice of finding that the petition is accepted for consideration. If the accepted petition recommends the addition of a species to either the list of endangered species or the list of threatened species, the commission shall include in the notice that the petitioned species is a candidate species. The commission shall maintain a list of species which are candidate species.

(f) The commission shall publish and distribute the findings relating to the petition pursuant to Section 2078.

SEC. 2. Section 2074.2 of the Fish and Game Code, as added by Section 4 of Chapter 387 of the Statutes of 2013, is repealed.

SEC. 3. Section 2074.6 of the Fish and Game Code, as amended by Section 5 of Chapter 387 of the Statutes of 2013, is amended to read:

2074.6. The department shall promptly commence a review of the status of the species concerned in the petition. Within 12 months of the date of publication of a notice of acceptance of a petition for consideration pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (e) of Section 2074.2, the department shall produce and make publicly available on the department's Internet Web site a final written peer reviewed report, based upon the best scientific information available to the department, which indicates whether the petitioned action is warranted, which includes a preliminary identification of the habitat that may be essential to the continued existence of the species, and which recommends management activities and other recommendations for recovery of the species. Prior to releasing the final written report, the department shall have a draft status review report prepared and independently peer reviewed, and upon receiving the peer reviewers' input, shall evaluate and respond in writing to the independent peer review and shall amend the draft status review report as appropriate. The revised report shall be posted on the department's Internet Web site for a minimum of 30 days for public review prior to the hearing scheduled pursuant to Section 2075. The commission may grant an extension of up to six months if the director determines an extension is necessary to complete independent peer review of the report, and to provide a minimum of 30 days for public review of the peer reviewed report prior to the public hearing specified in Section 2075.

SEC. 4. Section 2074.6 of the Fish and Game Code, as added by Section 6 of Chapter 387 of the Statutes of 2013, is repealed.

SEC. 5. Section 2074.8 of the Fish and Game Code, as amended by Section 7 of Chapter 387 of the Statutes of 2013, is amended to read:

2074.8. This article does not impose any duty or obligation for, or otherwise require, the commission or the department to undertake independent studies or other assessments of any species when reviewing a petition and its attendant documents and comments. However, the department shall seek independent scientific peer review of the department's status report. The director may approve an extension of time for completion of the status report if necessary for the purposes of obtaining independent peer review pursuant to Section 2074.6.

SEC. 6. Section 2074.8 of the Fish and Game Code, as added by Section 8 of Chapter 387 of the Statutes of 2013, is repealed.

SEC. 7. Section 2075.5 of the Fish and Game Code, as amended by Section 9 of Chapter 387 of the Statutes of 2013, is amended to read:

2075.5. (a) At the meeting scheduled pursuant to Section 2075, the commission shall hold a public hearing on the petition and shall receive information, written or otherwise, and oral testimony. After the conclusion of oral testimony from the commission and department staff, the petitioner, or any other persons, the commission may close the public hearing and the administrative record for the commission's decision pursuant to this section.

(b) After the commission closes the public hearing, the administrative record for the commission's decision is closed and it shall not be reopened except as provided in subdivision (c). Once the public hearing is closed, a person shall not submit further information to the commission for consideration on that petition and the commission shall not accept any further information for consideration on that petition except as provided in subdivision (c).

(c) The administrative record for the commission's decision pursuant to this section shall not be reopened once the commission closes the public hearing unless one of the following occurs prior to the commission's decision:

(1) There is a change in state or federal law or regulation that has a direct and significant impact on the commission's determination as to whether the petitioned action is warranted.

(2) The commission determines that it requires further information to evaluate whether the petitioned action is warranted. If the commission makes that determination during its deliberation, the commission may request, on the record at the scheduled meeting or at a continued meeting, further information on any issue relevant to making its determination as to whether the petitioned action is warranted. Any request by the commission pursuant to this paragraph shall specify a date by which the information must be submitted to the commission and shall serve to reopen the administrative record for the limited purpose of receiving further information relating to the issues specified by the commission in the request. Commission and

department staff, the petitioner, or any other person may submit information in response to a request pursuant to this paragraph.

(d) The commission, in its discretion, may either close the public hearing and continue the meeting on the petition for the purpose of deliberation or continue both the public hearing and the meeting on the petition to a subsequent date which is no later than 90 days after the meeting scheduled pursuant to Section 2075, and subject to applicable notice and agenda requirements. If the commission closes the public hearing but continues the meeting for the purpose of deliberation, a person shall not submit, and the commission shall not receive, further information relating to the petition except as provided in subdivision (c).

(e) At the meeting scheduled pursuant to Section 2075, or at a continued meeting scheduled pursuant to subdivision (d), the commission shall make one of the following findings:

(1) The petitioned action is not warranted, in which case the finding shall be entered in the public records of the commission and the petitioned species shall be removed from the list of candidate species maintained pursuant to Section 2074.2.

(2) The petitioned action is warranted, in which case the commission shall publish a notice of that finding and a notice of proposed rulemaking pursuant to Section 11346.4 of the Government Code, to add the species to, or remove the species from, the list of endangered species or the list of threatened species. Further proceedings of the commission on the petitioned action shall be made in accordance with Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 11340) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code.

SEC. 8. Section 2075.5 of the Fish and Game Code, as added by Section 10 of Chapter 387 of the Statutes of 2013, is repealed.

SEC. 9. Section 2301 of the Fish and Game Code is amended to read:

2301. (a) (1) Except as authorized by the department, a person shall not possess, import, ship, or transport in the state, or place, plant, or cause to be placed or planted in any water within the state, dreissenid mussels.

(2) The director or his or her designee may do all of the following:

(A) Conduct inspections of conveyances, which include vehicles, boats and other watercraft, containers, and trailers, that may carry or contain adult or larval dreissenid mussels. Included as part of this authority to conduct inspections is the authority to temporarily stop conveyances that may carry or contain adult or larval dreissenid mussels on any roadway or waterway in order to conduct inspections.

(B) Order that areas in a conveyance that contain water be drained, dried, or decontaminated pursuant to procedures approved by the department.

(C) Impound or quarantine conveyances in locations designated by the department for up to five days or the period of time necessary to ensure that dreissenid mussels can no longer live on or in the conveyance.

(D) (i) Conduct inspections of waters of the state and facilities located within waters of the state that may contain dreissenid mussels. If dreissenid mussels are detected or may be present, the director or his or her designee may order the affected waters or facilities closed to conveyances or otherwise

restrict access to the affected waters or facilities, and shall order that conveyances removed from, or introduced to, the affected waters or facilities be inspected, quarantined, or disinfected in a manner and for a duration necessary to detect and prevent the spread of dreissenid mussels within the state.

(ii) For the purpose of implementing clause (i), the director or his or her designee shall order the closure or quarantine of, or restrict access to, these waters, areas, or facilities in a manner and duration necessary to detect and prevent the spread of dreissenid mussels within the state. No closure, quarantine, or restriction shall be authorized by the director or his or her designee without the concurrence of the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency. If a closure lasts longer than seven days, the department shall update the operator of the affected facility every 10 days on efforts to address the dreissenid infestation. The department shall provide these updates in writing and also post these updates on the department's Internet Web site in an easily accessible manner.

(iii) The department shall develop procedures to ensure proper notification of affected local and federal agencies, and, as appropriate, the Department of Water Resources, the Department of Parks and Recreation, and the State Lands Commission in the event of a decision to close, quarantine, or restrict a facility pursuant to this paragraph. These procedures shall include the reasons for the closure, quarantine, or restriction, and methods for providing updated information to those affected. These procedures shall also include protocols for the posting of the notifications on the department's Internet Web site required by clause (ii).

(iv) When deciding the scope, duration, level, and type of restrictions, and specific location of a closure or quarantine, the director shall consult with the agency, entity, owner, or operator with jurisdiction, control, or management responsibility over the marina, boat launch facility, or other facility, in order to focus the closure or quarantine to specific areas and facilities so as to avoid or minimize disruption of economic or recreational activity in the vicinity.

(b) (1) Upon a determination by the director that it would further the purposes of this section, other state agencies, including, but not limited to, the Department of Parks and Recreation, the Department of Water Resources, the Department of Food and Agriculture, and the State Lands Commission, may exercise the authority granted to the department in subdivision (a).

(2) A determination made pursuant to paragraph (1) shall be in writing and shall remain in effect until withdrawn, in writing, by the director.

(c) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), Division 13 (commencing with Section 21000) of the Public Resources Code does not apply to the implementation of this section.

(2) An action undertaken pursuant to subparagraph (B) of paragraph (2) of subdivision (a) involving the use of chemicals other than salt or hot water to decontaminate a conveyance or a facility is subject to Division 13 (commencing with Section 21000) of the Public Resources Code.

(d) (1) A public or private agency that operates a water supply system shall cooperate with the department to implement measures to avoid infestation by dreissenid mussels and to control or eradicate any infestation that may occur in a water supply system. If dreissenid mussels are detected, the operator of the water supply system, in cooperation with the department, shall prepare and implement a plan to control or eradicate dreissenid mussels within the system. The approved plan shall contain the following minimum elements:

(A) Methods for delineation of infestation, including both adult mussels and veligers.

(B) Methods for control or eradication of adult mussels and decontamination of water containing larval mussels.

(C) A systematic monitoring program to determine any changes in conditions.

(D) The requirement that the operator of the water supply system permit inspections by the department as well as cooperate with the department to update or revise control or eradication measures in the approved plan to address scientific advances in the methods of controlling or eradicating mussels and veligers.

(2) If the operator of water delivery and storage facilities for public water supply purposes has prepared, initiated, and is in compliance with all the elements of an approved plan to control or eradicate dreissenid mussels in accordance with paragraph (1), the requirements of subdivision (a) do not apply to the operation of those water delivery and storage facilities, and the operator is not subject to any civil or criminal liability for the introduction of dreissenid mussel species as a result of those operations. The department may require the operator of a facility to update its plan, and if the plan is not updated or revised as described in subparagraph (D) of paragraph (1), subdivision (a) shall apply to the operation of the water delivery and storage facilities covered by the plan until the operator updates or revises the plan and initiates and complies with all of the elements of the updated or revised plan.

(e) Any entity that discovers dreissenid mussels within this state shall immediately report the discovery to the department.

(f) (1) In addition to any other penalty provided by law, any person who violates this section, violates any verbal or written order or regulation adopted pursuant to this section, or who resists, delays, obstructs, or interferes with the implementation of this section, is subject to a penalty, in an amount not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000), that is imposed administratively by the department.

(2) A penalty shall not be imposed pursuant to paragraph (1) unless the department has adopted regulations specifying the amount of the penalty and the procedure for imposing and appealing the penalty.

(g) The department may adopt regulations to carry out this section.

(h) Pursuant to Section 818.4 of the Government Code, the department and any other state agency exercising authority under this section shall not

be liable with regard to any determination or authorization made pursuant to this section.

(i) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2020, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that is enacted before January 1, 2020, deletes or extends that date.

SEC. 10. Section 5002.2 of the Public Resources Code is amended to read:

5002.2. (a) (1) Following classification or reclassification of a unit by the State Park and Recreation Commission, and prior to the development of any new facilities in any previously classified unit, the department shall prepare a general plan or revise any existing plan for the unit.

(2) The general plan shall consist of elements that will evaluate and define the proposed land uses, facilities, concessions, operation of the unit, any environmental impacts, and the management of resources, and shall serve as a guide for the future development, management, and operation of the unit.

(3) The general plan constitutes a report on a project for the purposes of Section 21100. The general plan for a unit shall be submitted by the department to the State Park and Recreation Commission for approval.

(b) The resource element of the general plan shall evaluate the unit as a constituent of an ecological region and as a distinct ecological entity, based upon historical and ecological research of plant-animal and soil-geological relationships and shall contain a declaration of purpose, setting forth specific long-range management objectives for the unit consistent with the unit's classification pursuant to Article 1.7 (commencing with Section 5019.50), and a declaration of resource management policy, setting forth the precise actions and limitations required for the achievement of the objectives established in the declaration of purpose.

(c) Notwithstanding subdivision (a), the department is not required to prepare a general plan for a unit that has no general plan or to revise an existing plan if the only development contemplated by the department consists of the repair, replacement, or rehabilitation of an existing facility; the construction of a temporary facility, if the construction does not result in the permanent commitment of a resource of the unit; any undertaking necessary for the protection of public health or safety; or any emergency measure necessary for the immediate protection of natural or cultural resources; or any combination of these activities at a single unit. Any development is subject to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (Division 13 (commencing with Section 21000)).

(d) Notwithstanding subdivision (a), the department is not required to prepare a general plan or revise an existing plan for a unit to which new development is necessary to comply with public service delivery obligations, operational or code compliance upgrades, or resource preservation requirements that are compatible with the classification of the unit. The department may instead prepare a management or development plan with appropriate environmental review and analysis.

(e) Consistent with good planning and sound resource management, the department shall, in discharging its responsibilities under this section, attempt to make units of the state park system accessible and usable by the general public at the earliest opportunity.

(f) The department may prepare a general plan that includes more than one unit of the state park system for units that are in close proximity to one another and that have similar resources and recreational opportunities if that action will facilitate the protection of public resources and public access to units of the state park system.

(g) The department, in consultation with the State Park and Recreation Commission, by January 1, 2018, shall provide the Legislature with recommendations for improving the state park planning and approval process to help achieve the following goals:

(1) Provide for more efficient and cost-effective development, approval, and timely updates of park unit general plans, including through the use of multi-unit general plans where appropriate.

(2) Provide for public participation in the development and update of park general plans and related planning documents.

(3) Streamline reviews carried out pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (Division 13 (commencing with Section 21000)) and other applicable statutes.

(4) Enable the department to reduce, by 2025, the current backlog of general plans to be developed for parks that currently lack a general plan or that have an existing general plan that is more than 25 years old and requires significant revision to address pressing public access and resource management issues.

SEC. 11. Section 5009.1 of the Public Resources Code is amended to read:

5009.1. (a) (1) The department may enter into an agreement to accept funds from any person, educational institution, tribal government, corporation or other business entity, or organization for the maintenance, operation, restoration, repair, development, improvement, or enhancement of a designated state park system unit or facility, or for research, educational, interpretive, recreational, or visitor services provided on or for a designated state park system unit or facility. Any funds so received shall be deposited in a separate account in the State Park Contingent Fund. The funds received shall supplement, but not replace, existing resources for the maintenance, operation, restoration, repair, development, improvement, or enhancement of the unit or facility, or for establishing or enhancing park services provided to visitors. The department and the sponsoring or donating person, entity, government, or organization shall specify in the agreement the level of service that is to be performed.

(2) Each agreement entered into pursuant to paragraph (1) shall include a provision requiring the department to provide to the signatory of the agreement or his or her designee an accounting of all expenditures made from the donated funds until all of the donated funds have been expended.

The accountings shall be provided on a quarterly basis unless a different frequency is agreed to by the parties to the agreement.

(b) The department may enter into an agreement to accept from any person, educational institution, tribal government, corporation or other business entity, or organization services for the cleanup, repair, development, improvement, restoration, or enhancement of any designated state park system unit or facility, or for research, educational, interpretive, recreational, or visitor services provided on or for a state park system unit or facility. Under the direction of the department, these services shall supplement, but not replace, existing staff resources for the purpose of enhancing the maintenance and operation of the unit or facility or for establishing or enhancing park services provided to visitors.

(c) The director may authorize the erection of an appropriate sign in recognition of a donation or sponsorship provided in accordance with this section, consistent with existing law and with the rules and regulations of the department regarding signs in units of the state park system.

(d) The department may provide free or reduced-cost access to, and use of, park facilities to entities that have entered into agreements as described in this section, if the public benefit to be provided pursuant to the agreement exceeds or is of comparable value, as determined by the department, to the access to or use of park facilities granted.

SEC. 12. Section 5010.6 of the Public Resources Code is amended to read:

5010.6. (a) For purposes of this section, “subaccount” means the State Parks Revenue Incentive Subaccount created pursuant to this section.

(b) The State Parks Revenue Incentive Subaccount is hereby created within the State Parks and Recreation Fund and the Controller shall annually transfer four million three hundred forty thousand dollars (\$4,340,000) from the State Parks and Recreation Fund to the subaccount.

(c) Notwithstanding Section 13340 of the Government Code, the funds in the subaccount are hereby continuously appropriated to the department for activities, programs, and projects, including, but not limited to, capital outlay projects, that are consistent with the mission of the department and that increase the department’s capacity to generate revenue and to implement the revenue generation program developed pursuant to Section 5010.7. Expenditures from the subaccount may include expenditures for staffing entry points, including department employees, seasonal employees, state and local conservation corps, individuals qualified pursuant to Chapter 0908 of the Department Operations Manual, and employees of organizations with agreements with state parks pursuant to Sections 513, 5009.1, 5009.3, and 5080. Activities, programs, and projects funded by the subaccount shall each include all of the following:

- (1) A clear description of the proposed use of funds.
- (2) A timeframe for implementation of the activity, program, or project.
- (3) A projection of revenues, including annual income, fees, and projected usage rates.

(4) A projection of costs, including, if appropriate, design, planning, construction, operation, staff, maintenance, marketing, and information technology.

(5) A market analysis demonstrating demand for the activity, project, or program.

(6) A projected rate of return on the investment.

(d) The Office of State Audits and Evaluations shall review the activities, programs, and projects funded from the subaccount pursuant to subdivision (c) to ensure appropriate internal controls are in place. The department shall reimburse the Office of State Audits and Evaluations from the subaccount for any costs related to the review.

(e) The revenue generated from activities, programs, and projects funded by the subaccount are continuously appropriated for expenditure by the department pursuant to subdivisions (c) and (d) of Section 5010.7.

(f) The funds in the subaccount shall be available for encumbrance and expenditure until June 30, 2019, and for liquidation until June 30, 2021.

(g) This section shall become inoperative on June 30, 2021, and, as of January 1, 2022, is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that becomes operative on or before January 1, 2022, deletes or extends the dates on which it becomes inoperative and is repealed.

SEC. 13. Section 5080.23 of the Public Resources Code is amended to read:

5080.23. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this article, with respect to concession contracts entered into on and after October 1, 1994, if the director determines that it is in the best interests of the state, the director may, upon giving notice to the State Parks and Recreation Commission, in lieu of the process for awarding contracts otherwise prescribed in this article, award contracts authorizing occupancy of any portion of the state park system for a period of more than two years to the best responsible person or entity submitting a proposal for a concession contract.

(b) For any concession contract authorizing occupancy by the concessionaire for a period of more than two years of any portion of the state park system that is entered into pursuant to this section, the department shall prepare a request for proposal, which shall include the terms and conditions of the concession sufficient to enable a person or entity to submit a proposal for the operation of the concession on the basis of the best benefit to the state. Proposals shall be completed only on the basis of the request for proposal.

(c) Any concession contract entered into pursuant to this section that is expected to involve a total investment or gross sales in excess of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) shall comply with the requirements for entry into contract that are set forth in Section 5080.20.

(d) For purposes of this section, “best responsible person or entity submitting a proposal” means the person or entity submitting a proposal, as determined by specific standards established by the department, that will operate the concession in the best interests of the state and the public.

SEC. 14. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because the only costs that may be incurred by a local agency or school district will be incurred because this act creates a new crime or infraction, eliminates a crime or infraction, or changes the penalty for a crime or infraction, within the meaning of Section 17556 of the Government Code, or changes the definition of a crime within the meaning of Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution.

O